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February 21, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, DRISCOLL FIELD,
Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create eight (8) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RA SUW through CV RA SUDD.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
4. To the extent not previously redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-3, effective September 21, 2004, to redefine the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 10,590 feet and 16,105 feet (10,583 feet and 16,054 feet TVD) in the J-W Operating Company--Davis Brothers 20 No. 1 Well, located in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 20, Township 16 North, Range 4 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
5. To confirm and continue in force and effect all drilling and production units previously created for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; as redefined herein, said units being shown on an attached plat.
6. To amend the well spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H, effective December 18, 1990, to allow any future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, to be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit boundary and no closer than 1,500 feet to any well completed in, drilling to or for which a permit shall have been granted to drill to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A.
7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A.
8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

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The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H, effective December 18, 1990, and was redefined as to a portion of the field in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-3, effective September 21, 2004.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

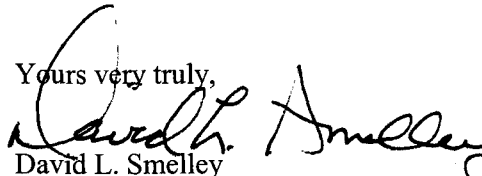
By letter dated February 8, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 4, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plats (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Driscoll Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

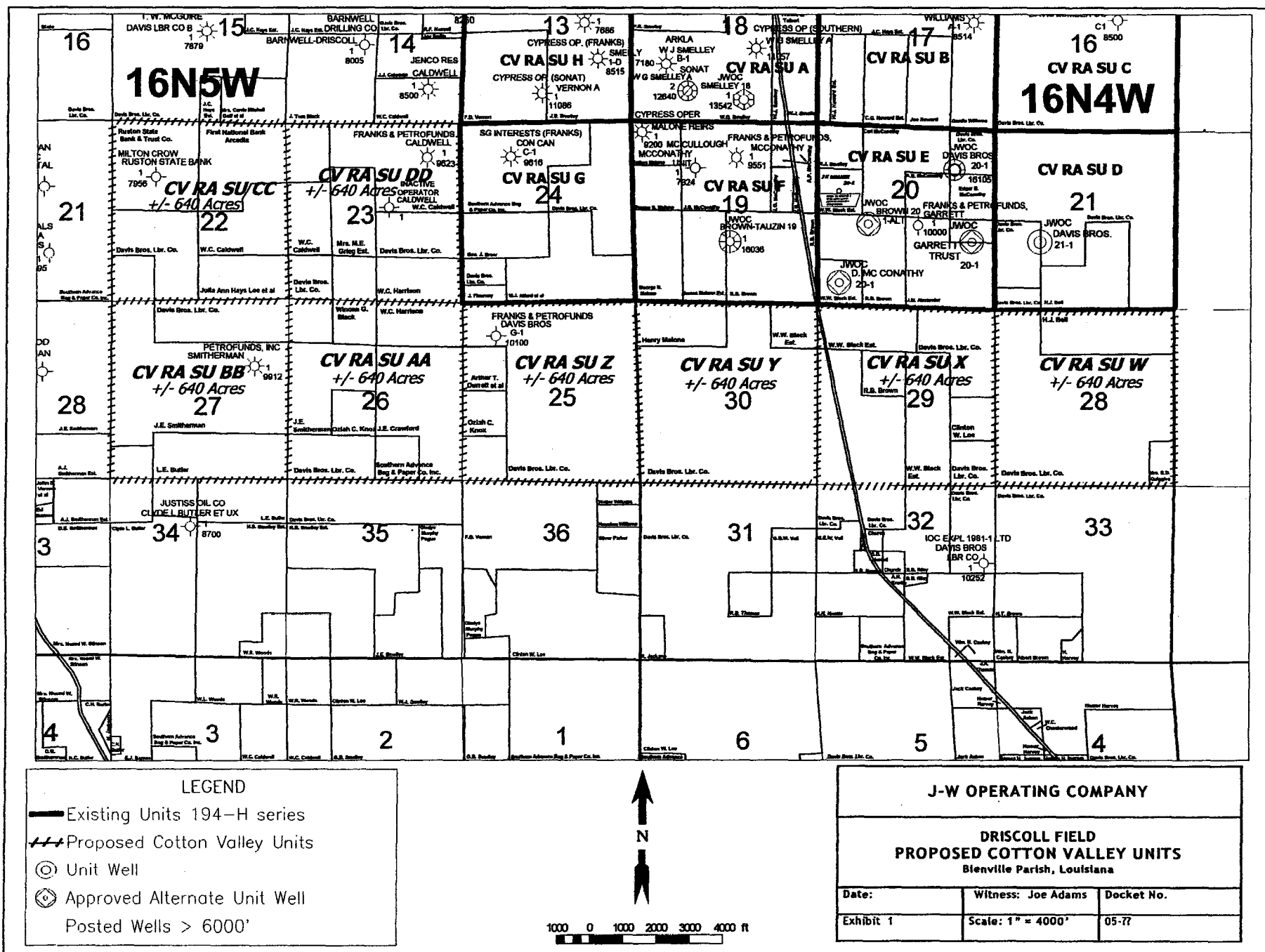

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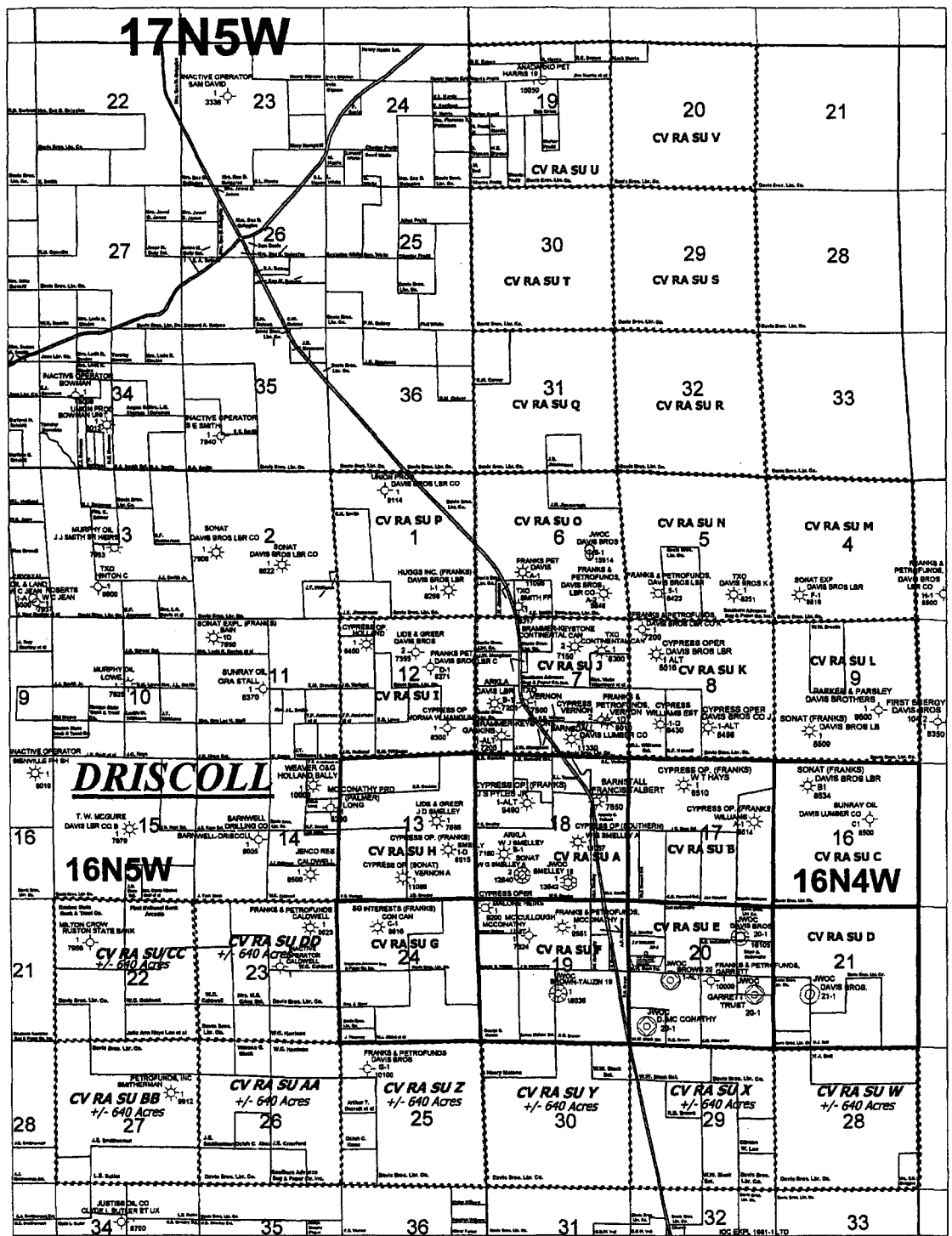
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. Michael Baca (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)





LEGEND

— Redefined Units Order 194-H-3

— Cotton Valley Zone Redefinition

⊙ Unit Well

⊙ Approved Alternate Unit Well

Posted Wells > 6000'

J-W OPERATING COMPANY

DRISCOLL FIELD
COTTON VALLEY ZONE REDEFINITION
Bienville Parish, Louisiana

Date:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1		05-77

